

Abstract

Thesis title: **Civil liability in sports**

This thesis deals the issue of civil liability of athletes for sports injuries which is the current topic. In connection with constantly growing commercialization, media promotion and internationalization of sport is necessary to move towards the legal regulation of sport and its various aspects, including civil liability. The thesis is composed of seven chapters which are divided into three parts. The first one focuses on the definition and description of sport, sports standards and rules and the relation between sport and law. The second part deals with the civil liability in general, ie. its prerequisites and legal consequences. The remaining and main part of the thesis focuses on the issue of civil liability of athletes for sports injuries caused during the sports activities. The attention is especially paid on contemporary Czech legal and extra-legal normative regulation, legal theories, theoretical approaches, judicature which has appeared in the area of civil liability of athletes for sports injuries and comparison with the legal regulations in the other countries. Despite of many interesting theories which bring an useful conclusions there still has not been set a general approach to the solution of civil liability in sport. With respect to specific characteristics of sport as a form of social activity, the complexity of rules in individual sports sectors, different degree of risk typical for individual sports sectors and difference of each sports injuries it is highly probable that it is not possible. The purpose of this thesis is to describe and explain this complicated problem as much as possible with the focus on aspects of civil liability in collective sports such as football or hockey. The aim of the thesis is also to point out the possible future development of legal regulation of civil liability of athletes for sports injuries, especially with regard to the changes introduced by Act No. 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code.